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week, the following being the principal causes: Malaria, 2; pneumonia, 2; other causes, 5. No contagious diseases reported.

Daiquiri.—Nothing of interest.

Respectfully, HERMAN B. PARKER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

ENGLAND.

Report from Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, *February 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report concerning the transactions of the Service at the port of Liverpool, England, during the week ended February 24, 1900:

The health of Liverpool remains good, no case of quarantinable disease being reported. Sixteen vessels cleared for United States ports during the week; of these, 3 were not inspected. One thousand one hundred and forty emigrants were inspected and passed; 153 packages, the effects of 166 Russian emigrants, were disinfected and labeled.

The situation in regard to freight from suspected districts remains unchanged.

Respectfully, H. S. MATHEWSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Southampton.

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, *February 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that tne following vessels have been inspected at this port during the week ended February 24, 1900:

Wednesday, February 21, steamship *Saale*, of the North German Lloyd Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 1 third and 14 first cabin passengers and 2 pieces of large luggage. Saturday, February 24, steamship *New York*, of the American Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 264 steerage and 184 second cabin passengers and 110 large and 267 pieces of small luggage. For this ship I disinfected 9 pieces of luggage, made up, as usual, of bedding.

Respectfully, W. C. HOBDY,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

No unusual death rate among rats and dogs.

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, *February 27, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated February 10, 1900, inclosing an extract from the newspapers relating to plague or other disease here among dogs and rats, and directing me to make inquiries on the subject with a view to ascertaining whether or not there is any special disease among such animals either here or in other parts of Great Britain. In reply, I have the honor to state that immediately on the receipt of your letter I addressed letters to the health, veterinary, and street departments of the principal

shipping ports of the south of England, asking for information. I inclose a copy of this communication. I have not yet received answers to these and will report on their results later.

My attention was called to the report by your cablegram of the 12th instant, since which I have investigated the matter here as thoroughly as possible, with the following results: The veterinary surgeon of this borough, who holds an official position, being appointed by a central governing board in London, and whose duty it is to look after and report all infectious and contagious diseases among animals in this borough, assures me there is nothing here, and that there is no increase, either in the amount of sickness or the number of deaths among dogs, cats, or rats, in this community. The medical officer of health, on whom I have called several times concerning the report, has also given me his aid, but has been unable to find anything of the kind, and knows of no disease among the animals here. In my work I meet hundreds of the poorer people here (firemen, sailors, etc.), who own dogs, and whose homes are in the poorer part of the town. Inquiries among them show that their dogs are neither ill nor dying, nor have they seen any dead. I have called on the chief of the street-cleaning department (the sweepers and carters are ordered to report their findings to him), and he assured me that no dead animals had been found by his force. I have addressed the same question to a number of the sweepers themselves, and in every case they have confirmed these statements. These are the results of my investigations so far, and I think I am safe in saying that at present there is absolutely nothing in the report.

Respectfully,

W. C. HOBDY,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

FRANCE.

Reports from Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, FRANCE, *February 17, 1900.*

SIR: I have to respectfully submit the following report of transactions for the week ended February 17, 1900: Two vessels were inspected and passed during the week. There were no other transactions worthy of mention.

Respectfully,

G. M. CORPUT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MARSEILLES, FRANCE, *February 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended February 24, 1900: Six vessels have been inspected and passed during the week. There have been no other transactions worthy of mention.

Respectfully,

G. M. CORPUT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.